

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Physician Assistants amends Chapter 326, "Licensure of Physician Assistants," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments change from two to five the number of physician assistants who can be supervised by a physician and make the language consistent within the chapter. The purpose for the change from two to five is to make the administrative rule requirements consistent with changes related to Iowa Code section 148C.3(2) as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2185.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 22, 2012, as **ARC 0283C**. A public hearing was held on September 12, 2012, from 9 to 9:30 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room, Lucas State Office Building. No public comments were received. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

After analysis and review of this rule making, there should be a positive impact on jobs. These amendments would allow additional physician assistants to be hired and supervised by one supervising physician. More physician assistants could work for one physician, allowing more patients to be seen by that physician's office.

The amendments were adopted by the Board of Physician Assistants on October 17, 2012.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 148C.3(2) as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2185.

These amendments will become effective January 2, 2013.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 326.8(3) as follows:

326.8(3) A physician assistant who provides medical services shall be supervised by one or more physicians; but a physician shall not supervise more than ~~two~~ five physician assistants at the same time.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 326.8(4), introductory paragraph, as follows:

326.8(4) It shall be the responsibility of the physician assistant and a supervising physician to ensure that the physician assistant is adequately supervised. Upon agreeing to supervise a physician assistant, a supervising physician will be advised that the physician's name will be listed with the board as a supervising physician. In regard to scheduling, the physician assistant may not practice if supervision is unavailable, except as otherwise provided in Iowa Code chapter 148C or these rules, and must be in compliance with the requirement that no more than ~~two~~ five physician assistants shall be supervised by a physician at ~~one~~ the same time, pursuant to ~~645~~—subrule 326.8(3). The physician assistant and the supervising physician are each responsible for knowing and complying with the supervision provisions of these rules.

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